ABSTRACT

A head main body (12) is supported at a free end of a cantilevered suspension (14). The head main body (12) has a first holding portion (5) that is substantially in parallel to an information recording medium (1), and the suspension (14) has a second holding portion (6) that is substantially in parallel to the information recording medium (1) and is located near the free end of the suspension (14). When a magnetic head device is not used, the head main body (12) is spaced away from the information recording medium (1). At this time, when an external shock is applied, the first holding portion (5) and the second holding portion (6) contact each other, thereby preventing a permanent deformation of the suspension (14). It is possible to reduce a displacement amount against a shock when the head main body (12) is spaced away from the information recording medium (1). Consequently, a spacing amount of the magnetic head main body (12) can be reduced. As a result, it becomes possible to make a thinner optomagnetic recording/ reproducing apparatus.